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Review of OSI Draft Report, Soviet Industrial Fermentation Research,
Development, and Technology

REF : Your memorandum dated 17 November 1958, on the above subject.

1. The subject draft report has been reviewed by the Food and Agriculture Branch and the Chemicals Branch of D/M and is returned as requested.

2. The comments by the Food and Agriculture Branch were as follows:

A. The section on food and feed production by fermentation (pp.21-28) deals with the scientific considerations of yeast, fungi, and algae rather than their practical application to increasing the production of food and feed.

B. While not without interest from the academic point of view, the section indicated in paragraph 2 is without practical economic significance.

3. The comments of the Chemicals Branch were:

A. M/CH has reviewed the subject draft, paying particular attention to the statements concerning the industrial aspects of the production of fermentation chemicals. The author, [REDACTED] had previously coordinated his paper with M/CH analysts and we find no areas of disagreement.

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B. With regard to the statement in the last paragraph on page 11 concerning penicillin production, it is suggested that the Source of this information be indicated in the text. The sentence in question implies that the production figure given was announced by a Soviet source. Although the list of source references was not forwarded with the draft, we have reason to believe that the Source may have been non-Soviet.

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